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WASTED COMPLIMENTS

When first mine eyes beheld the sea, its majesty appealed to me; I stood alone upon the shore, and listened to the breakers roar, and cried aloud: "Flow, ocean, flow! You are the biggest thing I know! Flow on, flow on, ye mighty waves, o'er darkened caves and sailors' graves, and wash the rocks of shores afar, and beat the cliffs where sirens are; flow on where sunny islands lie, and moan your message to the sky, and wall it where Atlantis stood—I would not stop you if I could. Your vastness shakes the human nerves! Until I watched your mighty curves, and heard your voice, that nobly swells, like forty thousand college yells, and saw your wreckage drift like straws, I never knew how small I was!" Thus I addressed the raging sea; it seemed to pay no heed to me; some little spray on me it threw, and wrecked a ship and drowned a crew, and tore a lighthouse from its rock and chased a whale around a block. "Alas," I mused, "it doesn't pay to hand the sea a big bouquet; I issued it quite a compliment—it didn't seem to care a cent; no more my praises will resound, and it can chase itself around, and slop along as best it may; I pass it up; so, sea, good day!"

WALT MASON.

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CONDITIONS WHICH RETARD GROWTH

A special dispatch to The Guard today from Boston tells of the Oregon Electric Railway bonds having been placed on the market there for the purpose of raising money to extend the line from Salem to Albany and Eugene. This is encouraging news because it holds out at least a hope for the betterment of transportation facilities in the Willamette valley. Naturally it will follow that once the era of railroad building begins more than one corporation will invade the field, now controlled by a single railroad.

The Willamette valley has unquestionably been held back in point of development many years by railroad monopoly, and the greed of Portland jobbers, who seem to think it their special privilege to milk this section as dry as possible. This matter appeals very forcibly to The Guard just now, because we received a carload of news print paper this week from a New York mill. Although we paid nearly \$400 freight on this car, we were enabled to save \$200, compared with the price quoted by the Portland jobbers, who are in a combine which has eliminated competition. They go further than this, and have established a "dead line," through an arrangement with San Francisco, by which the territory is so divided that there is no competition in this part of the state. Yet these same Portland jobbers ship this paper to Boise, Idaho, and undersell Eastern mills, and into Washington in competition with Seattle, quoting prices for below those demanded of the consumer in Western Oregon. We speak of the paper situation because we have personal knowledge of that line, but the condition, we are reliably informed, is true of groceries and all other lines jobbed out of Portland.

As to freight rate, The Guard paid \$1.08 per hundred on this carload shipment from Watertown, New York, almost entirely across the continent, and of this total rate 33 cents per hundred, nearly one-third of the total, was charged by the S. P. Co. for hauling the car from Portland to Eugene, a distance of 124 miles.

Is it any wonder that the Willamette valley has developed slowly in such adverse circumstances? It emphasizes the crying necessity for more railroads, not only north and south through the valley, but more important still, across the country to Coos Bay. The latter line would not only free us forever from transportation monopoly, but would emancipate us from the robbery of the Portland jobbers, who are forcing us to pay higher for the goods we buy than any other section of the Northwest. In fact, railroad monopoly plays into the hands of the Portland dealers by shutting out competitive centres of trade.

To remedy these conditions is the great work that lies before the booster organizations of Eugene and other Western Oregon cities during the coming year, and for all time in the future until the object has been fully accomplished.

FRUIT INDUSTRY GROWING

The growth of the fruit industry tells the story of the rapid development of the resources of Lane county along practical lines. It is greater than those who have not made a special study of the situation were aware, as told in the annual report of Fruit Inspector Beebe, submitted to the county Horticultural Association meeting in this city last Saturday. The figures are as follows:

Set out in 1908: Two hundred and twenty-two acres of apples, 12,911 trees; 395 acres cherries, 39,588 trees; 34 acres pears, 2901 trees; 9 acres prunes, 976 trees; 149 acres peaches, 12,283 trees; 200 acres walnuts, 5376 trees; total, 1009 acres, 74,035 trees.

Set out in 1909: One hundred and ninety-three acres apples, 10,020 trees; 184 acres cherries, 10,049 trees; 121 acres pears, 3632 trees; 33 acres prunes, 3490 trees; 101 acres peaches, 6761 trees; 62 acres walnuts, 1588 trees; total, 699 acres, 40,536 trees.

That was a splendid meeting of Eugene business men last night, and the new members of the board of managers, chosen

to handle the promotion work for the coming year, are among the most active and representative men of the city. They will take hold of the work with energy and carry it forward to the best possible advantage during 1910. The personnel of the board guarantees that conclusion, and in this connection it is not out of place to say that much hard work lies ahead in the rebuilding of Eugene, for we must secure industries, promote development of the country and secure needed additional transportation facilities. Eugene has been given wide publicity during the past two years, and the work of the future depends largely upon the way we take advantage of this work and build upon the foundation that has been laid by intelligent advertising.

Admiral Togo has retired from active naval command in Japan. The only regret Russia has is that he didn't do it several years ago.

Fountain L. Thompson is the new senator from North Dakota. It's not likely there's any cork in "Fountain's" oratorical flow.

Be cheerful and you'll be as happy as you can be. Nobody can be cheerful, however, when he's giving his home town a knock.

While every town needs a few first-class funerals, it sometimes seems difficult to get Providence warmed up to the occasion.

The biggest "sucker" on earth is the business man who is deluded into the belief that he's saving money by not advertising.

Word comes that Mrs. Hetty Green is lending money in Wall street. Didn't hear of her giving any away, though, did you?

Wall street says Taft's message is O. K. As for the rest of us—well, what difference does it make, anyway?

Pictures of President Zelaya show him as a bald-headed man. Nevertheless, there'll be other hand-holds.

The new Brownsville shoot-up inquiry still fails to put any angel wings on those discharged colored troops.

A press dispatch says Knox has a line on Zelaya. A halter would be more appropriate, however.

There may be several "nics" in Nicaragua, and a few dents, before the squabble with Uncle Sam is over.

The sugar trust doesn't seem to grow any sweeter as the probe progresses into it.

Encourage every move for the advancement or betterment of your home town.

Shop early and be in a good humor for Christmas.

GETTING READY FOR THE COMING YEAR'S PUBLICITY WORK

New Board of Governors Chosen Last Night by Subscribers to the Boost Fund

A new board of governors for the promotion department of the Commercial club was chosen last night and the work of promoting Eugene's interests in the East and in other parts of the country will begin under a new regime on the first of January. Booster Hartog and the present board of governors serving until that time. The new board will select a booster between now and then. They have several good men in view and a selection will be made in the not far future.

The board as selected by the subscribers to the fund last night consists of the following: F. R. Wetherbee, dry goods merchant; W. A. Bell, grocer; O. J. Hull, real estate agent; P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; L. R. Flint, furniture dealer; F. W. Osburn, banker; F. M. Wilkins, retired; R. McMurphy, real estate dealer; E. Schwarzchild, book dealer.

These are all representative citizens and the people of Eugene are assured a careful and judicious handling of the funds subscribed by them. M. J. Duryea, chairman of the committee to raise the 1910 fund, reported the sum of \$12,019 on hand and thought it would be no trouble to raise several thousand dollars more.

Women know! It isn't necessary to tell them that the best way, the only safe way, to wash "fancy work" is with Ivory Soap and lukewarm water.

They wouldn't think of using ordinary laundry soap, or washing powders, or chemicals.

NEVER!

Ivory Soap

99 1/2 Per Cent. Pure

All Goods Entirely New at Bowers' Drug

For His Christmas

A Gillette Safety Razor would be a most useful and practical gift for a man. Something he will use every day of the year and every day of his life. Something he will treasure. The Gillette is as compact and as handsomely finished as a piece of jewelry.

Standard Set, leather case \$5.00
Standard Set, metal case \$5.00
New Pocket edition, in gun metal, silver and gold cases, \$5.00 to \$7.50
Auto-Strap Razor .. \$5.00
Enders Safety Razor .. \$1.00
Gem Safety Razor .. \$1.00
Torrey Safety Razor .. \$1.00

A Real Christmas Suggestion

Can you think of any more acceptable Christmas gift than a box of really fine writing paper? Writing paper is something one uses constantly, and is, therefore, constantly reminded of the giver. The boxes are made in several sizes, with different assortments of linen paper—Eaton-Hurlburt, Whiting, Crane, in beautiful holiday boxes. 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, up to \$5.00

Useful Gifts

It is the useful that makes Christmas giving practical. A Fountain Pen is both practical and useful. Parker and Conklin self-filling pens, prices, \$1.50 to \$12.00

Ladies' Hand Bag

A new line of New York in real rus and Patent prices, from...

Arts Craft

Leather Novelties, Mats, Pillows, Diners and Calendars to...

Sterling Silver

Toilet Sets, Millinery, Manicure Sets, etc. Don't fail to look in new and elegantly store.

ALL NEW STOCK AT

BOWERS' DRUG CO.

Red Cross Christmas Stamps for Sale

LEADING DRUGGISTS Cor. 9th and Willamette Streets

IRVING ITEMS

Special Correspondence.

Irving, Dec. 8.—M. N. Gent is all smiles these days on account of the advent of a daughter into his home, making two girls among six boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klussman went to Eugene Sunday afternoon, returning on No. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McClure, of Garfield, Wash., visited John Parker a few days last week.

The ducks are plentiful now, as it would appear from the number killed by sportsmen. The recent cold weather makes them tame, and they are easy prey for the hunters.

The two stores in Irving are doing good business, judging from the amount of shipping done.

Miss Hazel Zumwalt, who has been in Eugene for some time, is home for a short vacation.

There have been special meetings

conducted by Rev. Morris at the U. B. church for the past two weeks. The snow "beautiful" has changed to rain, the natural condition for our webfoot state, and more welcome to the majority of its inhabitants.

RICH MEN'S GIFTS ARE POOR

besides this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman, writes Mrs. O. Rhinevault, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak ailing and sickly. Try them, 75c at W. A. Kuykendall's.

Do it now—Get a picture at the Eugene Art Store. d10

ADVERTISING

Bolder, W. F.
Cramer, R. J.
Field, Lewis G.
Frank, Fred
Gammell, Wm.
Gordon, J. F.
Haynes, A. W.
Houch, Miss H.
James, Miss F.
Keller, J. M.
McMahan, L. H.
Milne, George.
Most, G. E.
Olson, H. P.
Porter, Albert, (2)
Reynolds, Miss L.
Rhinehart, Lester.
Robbins, Mrs. J. W.
Santre Cooking Co.
Sears, Dan.
Smith, Gilbert.
Smith, Lester.
Wiley, Frank.

Your Eyes for a Few Minutes To look over some good Real Estate Propositions and Business Chances

FARMS

Some of the Best Farms in Lane County.

500 acre farm, short distance from Eugene; half in cultivation; very good buildings; excellent fruit and dairy ranch; in fruit raising district; worth \$50 an acre; can be bought for less than \$30 an acre. Terms.

Fine fruit farm, 45 acres; 5 miles from Eugene; all but 4 acres in cultivation; house, barn, running stream through place; a good buy at \$5500.00

78 acre farm, 4 miles from Eugene; 8-room house; good barn; good water; a good all-around place, on new electric line survey. Price, per acre, .. \$90.00

CITY PROPERTY

7-room house, one block from Willamette street; central location; corner lot, 80x160 feet; fine location; room for three houses on lot; price ... \$4700.00

5-room bungalow, new; well on porch; lot 50x160 feet; price... \$1500.00 Terms.

5-room house, 4 blocks from Central school \$2200.00

Four acres, part inside city limits; most all in bearing fruit; good house; a lovely home and good buy at ... \$6000.00

LOTS FOR SALE IN ALL PARTS OF THE CITY

BUSINESS CHANCES

Good paying business, central location, reasonable rent. About \$2000 will start it.

A good paying business in centre of business district; will net at least \$2500 year. The best of reasons for getting will invoice about \$4000.

Small store, well located, netting about \$150 per month. This is a fine business for a little money invested. Invoice about \$650.

All the above businesses are in Eugene and are good propositions.

We have some others, and if you want a business in Eugene see us.

The cheapest and best lots are in the Gross Addition. Let us show them to you.

FIVE AND TEN-ACRE FRUIT TRACTS

IN FERDALE ADDITION to Santa Clara—the ideal location for a country home. Best of soil, good neighborhood—only 4 miles from Eugene. Easy terms.

The Willamette Valley Land Co.

GROSS, WELLS & HULL

480 WILLAMETTE ST.

THEATRE BLOCK